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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NOTICE OF LODGING OF CONSENT DECREE UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT

Notice is hereby given that on June 29, 2012, a proposed Consent Decree (the Consent Decree) in *United States of America v. Chester Mining Company*, Civil Action No. 2:12-CV-00334-CWD, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Idaho.

In this action the United States sought reimbursement under Section 107 of CERCLA for past costs incurred at the Conjecture Mine Superfund Site (the Site), located in Bonner County, Idaho. The United States also sought a declaratory judgment under Section 113 of CERCLA for future costs to be incurred at the Site. Under the proposed Consent Decree, which is based on ability to pay, Chester Mining Company has agreed to pay \$75,000. The Consent Decree includes a covenant not to sue Chester Mining Company pursuant to Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 & 9607.

For thirty (30) days following the publication of this notice, the Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and either emailed to pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov or mailed to P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611. The comments should refer to *United States of America v*. *Chester Mining Company*, D.J. Ref. 90-11-3-10110.

During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may be examined on the following Department of Justice website, at http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent_Decrees.html.

A copy of the Consent Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library,

P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611 or by faxing or e-

mailing a request to "Consent Decree Copy" (EESCDCopy.ENRD@usdoj.gov), fax number

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Consent Decree Library by mail, please enclose a check in the amount of \$8.00 (25 cents per

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